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ONTARIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AWARDS
THE CANADIAN SAFE SCHOOL NETWORK FULL FUNDING FOR SERVICE TOOL FOR
VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, COERCION AND/OR HARASSMENT

TORONTO:

The Canadian Safe School Network (CSSN) has been granted \$74,200.00 by the Ministry of the Attorney General's Ontario Victim Services Secretariat. CSSN will use this funding to develop a service tool for girls aged 12-15 who are victims of sexual abuse by boyfriends or male friends/acquaintances, with the goals of helping them self-identify, understand sexual boundaries/appropriateness, report, receive support and avoid future sexual victimization. "Sexual abuse affects girls/women of all cultural, racial and /or socio-economic backgrounds regardless of their age, but adolescents are particularly vulnerable," said CSSN President Stu Auty.

"The McGuinty government is pleased to provide funding that will support the fine work of the Canadian Safe School Network," said Attorney General Michael Bryant." As a parent, I admire and respect CSSN's dedication to finding new and innovative ways to prevent and deal with youth violence in our schools."

Working in partnership with Victims Services Toronto, Keel Cottrelle LLP Barristers & Solicitors, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Toronto District, Toronto Catholic, Durham and Halton district school boards, CSSN will educate and support girls who are currently being abused and are too afraid and/or lack the knowledge and support needed to get help and get out of abusive relationships/situations.

The Canadian Safe School Network is a national, grassroots, registered charitable organization dedicated to reducing youth violence and making communities and schools safer.